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C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 1708

E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ESTC, EMIN, MX  
SUBJECT: REPORTED MEXICAN PURCHASE OF CUBAN NICKEL

1. DESPITE REPORTS IN MEXICAN PRESS ( AND NY TIMES MARCH 10) TO EFFECT MEXICAN TRADE MISSION TO CUBA HAD AGREED BUY SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES NICKEL ( ALLEGEDLY VALUED AT SOME US\$200,000), EMBASSY SOURCES INDICATE THAT NO MEXICAN COMPANY HAS THUS FAR AGREED TO MAKE SUCH PURCHASE. APPARENTLY, MEXICAN FOREIGN TRADE INSTITUTE ( IMCE) OFFICIALS LEADING MISSION HAD TENTATIVELY AGREED TO TRANSACTION, HOPING BE ABLE PERSUADE MEXICAN INDUSTRY ACCEPT NICKEL, BUT INDUSTRY HAS THUS FAR GIVEN COLD- SHOULDER TO WHOLE ENTERPRISE.

2. EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE INDUSTRY SOUNDINGS AND WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS.  
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